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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN FRASER VISIT

REF: STATE 092196

1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT USIS PRESS RELEASE ISSUED
WIRE SERVICES AND LOCAL PRESS MAY 8:

2. "U.S. EMBASSY ANNOUNCES FY-75 ROK MILITARY AID
LEVELS. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN SEOUL TODAY ANNOUNCED
THAT FY-1975 MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO KOREA WILL
TOTAL \$145 MILLION, OF WHICH \$82.6 MILLION WILL BE
PROVIDED AS GRANT ASSISTANCE. THE \$145 MILLION IS THE
FULL AMOUNT AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS UNDER THE LIMITA-
TIONS IMPOSED BY THE 1974 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT, AS
AMENDED. EXCEPT FOR AID SENT TO THE KHMER REPUBLIC,
THE KOREAN ALLOCATION IS THE LARGEST TO ANY INDI-
VIDUAL COUNTRY IN FY-1975.

"CONGRESS APPROVED \$475 MILLION IN MILITARY AID
WORLDWIDE. WORKING WITHIN THIS APPROPRIATION, THE
SECRETARY OF STATE APPROVED ALLOCATIONS FOR SPECIFIC
COUNTRIES AND REPORTED THE ALLOCATIONS TO CONGRESS
APRIL 26. THE AID PROVIDES FOR FUNDING OF MAP MATERIEL,
SERVICES, TRAINING AND SUPPLY OPERATIONS."

3. BOTH ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS AND MASS CIRCULATION
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4. OFFICIAL SEOUL SHINMUN IN BITTER MAY 3 EDITORIAL
NOTED UPCOMING FRASER HEARINGS WOULD "FINISH OFF"
THE \$20 MILLION WITHHELD UNDER THE FRASER AMENDMENT.
CRITICISM MADE CLEAR THE PAPER UNDER NO ILLUSIONS FUNDS
MIGHT BE RESTORED AT LAST MINUTE.
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